

**San Marino, Huntington Library, HM 19079**

Description: ff. 244 - Bound, s. XV, originally in white doeskin over bevelled wooden boards; recovered in pink leather with turn-ins nailed to the previous cover; fore edge strap fastening to a pin on the back cover; sewn on 3 thongs, with head and tail bands. As front pastedown, a fragment from a Latin saint's life (?), England, s. XIII; a narrow strip of parchment used as sewing guard before the first leaf, s. XII. - Written in England in the first quarter of the fifteenth century. Visible on the strip of the white leather binding which extends beyond the pink leather turn-in on the front cover, s. XVI, "Liber Ric. clere [?] rectoris sancti panc__?__?__?__ Edward Horden." On f. 1, "Sum Gulielmi Moore 1657" and on f. 244, "William Moore [?]." In modern pencil on the front pastedown "E 300," underlined. Quaritch Cat. 699 (1952) n. 94; acquired from Quaritch in 1952 by the Huntington Library. - C. W. Dutschke with the assistance of R. H. Rouse et al., Guide to Medieval and Renaissance Manuscripts in the Huntington Library (San Marino, 1989). L. MacKinney, Medical Illustrations in Medieval Manuscripts (Berkeley 1965) p. 174 n. 148.2. Aspects of Medieval England, n. 45 open at f. 16. Chronica, 2.

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Language: English **Country:** England **Century:** 15th

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Part 1: ff. 244 (the last is 3 leaves pasted together)

Description: - Parchment - 89 x 125 mm - 1-3¹² 4¹⁰ 5-19¹² 20¹² (12 drawn past quire 21 and originally used as pastedown; now pasted to the last 2 leaves of quire 21) 21⁸(7, 8 and the last leaf of quire 20 now pasted together as f. 244). Catchwords in lower right margin, usually in ink or green frames. 18-25 long lines, frame ruled in lead; slash prick marks in the upper and lower margins.

Country: England

Cardinal point:

Region:

City:

Assigned Date: s. XV^{1/4}

Searchable Date Range: 1400 - 1425

Dated by scribe: No

Inscribed Date:

Document: No

Number of Scribes: ;

Script: Anglicana with some secretary forms

Other Decoration: In quires 1-4, 2- and 1-line green initials filled in yellow with simple borders to the right of the text in the same colors; green paragraph marks filled in yellow; running headlines in green frames washed in yellow. From quire 5 to the end, 1-line red initials, red paragraph marks, running headlines enclosed in red frames washed in yellow, and, intermittently, also written in red ink to the right of the upper margin. In the hand of the scribe: "Maria Ihesus Iohannes" in the upper margin of the first leaf of each quire; finding notes in the outer margins, sometimes in red frames.

Notes: Foliation in arabic numerals, 1-237, numbering each leaf recto and verso (not the opening). Nota bene hands washed in yellow on, e.g., ff. 149v, 154v, 214; sketch of a leg (to show vein for blood letting), f. 199v; sketch of an herb, f. 223v. On f. 244, s. XV, "prec. x s." Latin

Number of Texts: 4

Text 1: ff. 1-15v

Language(s): English

Incipit: [Brobir] in crist þat þyng þat ȝe desyreb of me y wol don hyt wþ goddes grace her beþ medycynes þat beþ ydrafen out of goode leches bokes. For þe hed ache mak lye of verueyne oper of beteyne

Explicit: & ȝef þe arm be broke let hym bere a bal of herbes in hys hond for crokynge of hys fyngeres deo gracias Amen.

Notes: Approximately 150 medical recipes, including 2 on f. 3 for determining if a sick man will live or die.

Text 2: f. 15v

Title: Pharmaceutical weights

Language(s): English

Incipit: Forto rede & vnderstonde þe wrytyng þat comeþ heraftur & such oper wrytyng as leaches wryteþ in makyng of hur medycynes wheþer it be in englysch oper in latyn þow schalt vnderstonde þat a pound is þus ywryte li. i & half a pound

Explicit: & þus þey beþ ywryten in latyn bokes.

Notes: For a similar text on pharmaceutical weights and how they are written, see W. R. Dawson, A Leechbook or Collection of Medical Recipes of the Fifteenth Century (London 1934) 294.

Text 3: ff. 16-237

Title: Hed Ache Treatise on sicknesses

Language(s): English

Incipit: A mon þat wol helpe men in hure seknesses hym byhofeb to knowe be enchesones & þe kyndes of þe seknesses þat is to sugge wheþer þey ben hote oper colde oper druye oper moyst And þys is yknowe by mony dyuerse tokenes as by þe vryng & by þe pouſ . . . And furſt we wolleþ bygynne at þe seknesses of þe hed & furſt of þe hed ache þat may come to a mon þroȝ hete oper colde oper druyenesse

Explicit: Anoynte hem wþ þe oyle of eyren oper of roses oper wþ þe mys of be lylle rote oper wþ fresch botter oper wþ lard ymedled wþ botter oper wþ oyle of whete oper wþ þe whyt of an ey.

Notes: Treatise on sicknesses, arranged from the head down (headache to hemorrhoids) defining for each the humors, diagnostic symptoms and remedies. On ff. 238-242, table of contents to ff. 16-237, listing part of the body affected and appropriate medicines with reference to folio numbers.

Text 4: f. 237v and elsewhere

Title: Preparations for recipes

Language(s): English

Incipit: In al þys bok þer as þou seest vyolet idon in electewaryes

Explicit: it restoreþ colere & consumeþ malencolye & it sleþ þe cancre & þe festre & it druyþ qwyture & abateþ a monnes fatusse. Deo gracias. Amen.

Notes: Notes on the preparation of violet, saffron and iron rust for medicinal use. On ff. 16v, 18v, 50v, 96, 141v, 203, 208v, 209, 241v, 242v, 243, 244: Medical recipes in Latin and in English added by several different hands, s. XV and XVI.
